

Whip Review Committee
Decisions 24 October 2023

On Tuesday 24 October 2023 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards for races run from 19 October – 22 October 2023, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Newcastle 20 October 2023

Race 5 – THE BEST RACING ODDS GUARANTEED AT BETMGM NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Sam James, the rider of VITARLI (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from 2 furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 November inclusive.

Race 9 – THE BUILD YOUR ACCA WITH BETUK HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Sam James, the rider of LEZARDRIEUX, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from 2 furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Saturday 11, Monday 14, Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 15 November.

Ascot 21 October 2023

Race 1 – THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP (CLASS 1) (Group 2) (British Champions Series)

Frankie Dettori, the rider of the winner, TRAWLERMAN (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from just inside 2 furlongs out. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Tuesday 7 to Saturday 11 November and Monday 13 to Wednesday 15 November.

Race 2 – THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 1) (British Champions Series)

Frankie Dettori, the rider of KINROSS, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 November and Monday 20 to Friday 24 November.

Race 3 – THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 1) (British Champions Series)

Sam James, the rider of the winner, POPTRONIC, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be James' fifth suspension within the previous 6 months for a breach of the whip rules, James was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Newton Abbot 21 October 2023

Race 4 – THE RACING PARTNERSHIP NOVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Brendan Powell, the rider of INVESTMENT MANAGER, placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond after the last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 November inclusive.

Panel

Sam Angell (Chair)
Richard Fuller
Shaun Parker

Following riders' admissions of a breach of Rule (F)45, the following penalties were applied by the racecourse Stewards.

Ascot 21 October 2023

Race 2 – THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 1) (British Champions Series)

David Allan, the rider of the winner, ART POWER (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from just inside two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 8 days as follows: Saturday 4, Monday 6 to Saturday 11 November inclusive and Monday 13 November.